

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
-EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-  
EXAMINING GROUP 2813

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jacky Seiller et al.  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2010, finally rejecting claims 1-8, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.